

# Lake Champlain

## *Fish and Wildlife Resources Complex Fact Sheet*

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### Profile

Established:	1992
Staff:	17
FY 2003 budget:	\$1,088,162
2003 volunteer hours:	1,020
2003 visitation:	2,167

### Purpose

The Lake Champlain Fish and Wildlife Resources Office was established for fish and wildlife resource restoration, development and conservation in accordance with the provisions of the Lake Champlain Special Designation Act of 1990 and the Daniel Patrick Moynihan Lake Champlain Basin Program Act of 2002.

As part of the complex, the Pittsford National Fish Hatchery biologists raise landlocked Atlantic salmon for restoring interjurisdictional and recreational fisheries in the Lake Champlain watershed. The hatchery also produces Atlantic salmon as part of the efforts to restore migratory fish populations in the Connecticut River basin.

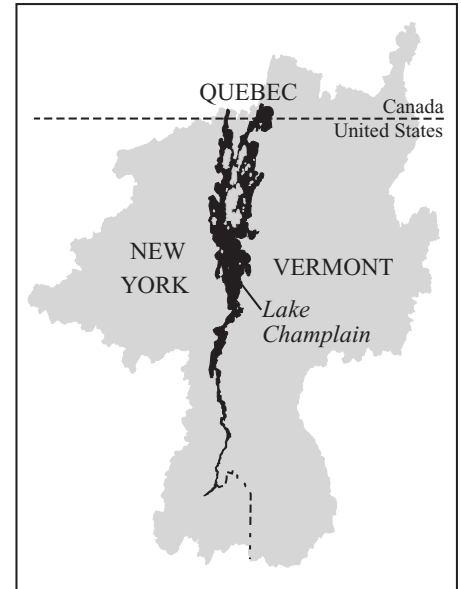
### Management Activities

- Participates in cooperative work groups to conserve natural resources
- Assists agencies, organizations and landowners in restoring and enhancing fish and wildlife habitat
- Works with others to restore fisheries
- Works to minimize the impacts of invasive species like sea lamprey and zebra mussel
- Produces 350,000 Atlantic salmon fry and 100,000 1-to-3-year-old Atlantic salmon annually for restoration efforts in the Connecticut River watershed
- Produces 170,000 landlocked Atlantic salmon annually for restoration efforts in the Lake Champlain watershed

### Highlights

The Service is the lead federal agency in cooperative efforts to control sea lamprey, monitor forage fish and produce hatchery fish supporting a multi-million dollar recreational fishery and the restoration of native species in the Lake Champlain basin.

Through the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, the Lake Champlain office in fiscal year 2003 completed 37 projects that restored or enhanced 21.2 miles of riparian, 0.8 miles of instream, 522 acres of wetland and 203 acres of upland forest habitats in Vermont and the Lake Champlain watershed of New York. The Partners program leveraged over \$233,000 of non-government funds and in-kind services during completion of our habitat restoration projects.



Lake Champlain Drainage Basin

### Issues

Lake Champlain is experiencing, through a variety of pathways, a severe invasion of harmful exotic species. The Service has had very limited funding to address most of these serious problems.

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